

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) An optical device comprising a plurality of layers, the optical device comprising:

an ~~optical-cable~~optical fiber having a substantially axial symmetry, the ~~optical cable~~optical fiber comprising a transparent envelope surrounding a core doped with phosphorescent or fluorescent material, said transparent envelope comprising a cladding layer; and

a light source comprising an inner electrode layer, ~~and a reflective~~ outer electrode layer, and an active area layer located between said inner electrode and said outer electrode, wherein said light source and said ~~optical-cable~~optical fiber are integrated, and wherein said light source has an axial symmetry and is positioned coaxially with respect to the axis of said ~~optical-cable~~optical fiber, and wherein said inner electrode comprises a transparent material to permit light generated in said active area to propagate outside said light source and into said ~~optical-cable~~optical fiber,

wherein at least one of the layers has imperfections.

2. (Original) The device according to Claim 1, wherein the envelope further comprises a jacket layer surrounding said cladding layer

3. (Canceled)

4. (Original) The device according to Claim 1, wherein said light-source is flexible.

5. (Original) The device according to Claim 1, wherein said light-source comprises a mono- or multi-layer organic light-emitting diode (OLED).

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently amended) The device according to Claim 1, further comprising at least one mirror on each side of an optically pumped region of the ~~optical-cable~~optical fiber, wherein one mirror is substantially opaque and the another mirror is at least partially transparent.

8. (Original) The device according to Claim 1, wherein the efficiency of absorption of light in said core, said light produced by said light source, is a function of P_e/P_c .

9. (Currently amended) The device according to claim ~~7~~1, wherein the efficiency is controlled by choosing a desirable ratio of P_e/P_c .

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10. (Original) The device according to Claim 1, wherein the device is configured to generate optical signals.

11. (Currently amended) The device according to Claim 910, wherein said optical signal is substantially constant.

12. (Original) The device according to Claim 1, wherein the device is configured to amplify or repeat optical signals.

13. (Currently amended) The device according to Claim 67, wherein said device is configured as a laser generator.

14. (Original) The device according to Claim 1, wherein said device is configured for introspection.

15. (Currently amended) The device according to Claim 421, wherein said device is configured for endoscopy.

16. (Currently amended) A method of making an optical device, the method comprising:

forming an optical fiber having an axial symmetry;

surrounding a fiber core of the ~~optical cable~~optical fiber with a transparent envelope, the fiber core being doped with phosphorescent or fluorescent material, wherein said transparent envelope comprises a cladding layer;

integrating a light source with the ~~optical cable~~optical fiber, the light source comprising an inner electrode layer, ~~and a reflective~~ outer electrode layer, and an active area layer located between said inner electrode and said outer electrode; and

positioning the light source coaxially with respect to the axis of said ~~optical cable~~optical fiber, wherein said inner electrode comprises a transparent material to permit light generated in said active area to propagate outside said light source and into said ~~optical cable~~optical fiber,

wherein at least one of the layers has imperfections.

17. (Original) The method according to Claim 16, further comprising surrounding said cladding layer with a jacket layer.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Original) The method according to Claim 16, wherein said light-source is flexible.

20. (Original) The method according to Claim 16, wherein said light-source comprises a mono- or multi-layer organic light-emitting diode (OLED).

21. (Canceled)

22. (Currently amended) The method according to Claim 16, further comprising positioning at least one mirror on each side of an optically pumped region of the optical fiber, wherein one mirror is substantially opaque and the another mirror is at least partially transparent.

23. (Currently amended) The method according to Claim 16, further comprising generating optical signals from the light source.

24. (Currently amended) The method according to Claim 16, further comprising generating substantially constant optical signals from the light source.

25. (Original) The method according to Claim 16, further comprising performing at least one of amplification and repeating of optical signals.

26. (Currently amended) The method according to Claim 16, further comprising generating a laser light signal through the optical fiber.

27. (New) The device according to Claim 1, wherein said imperfections are created by roughening said layer.

28. (New) A method of making an optical device, the method comprising:

forming an optical fiber having an axial symmetry;

surrounding a fiber core of the optical fiber with a transparent envelope, the fiber core being doped with phosphorescent or fluorescent material, wherein said transparent envelope comprises a cladding layer;

integrating a light source with the optical fiber, the light source comprising an inner electrode layer, a transparent outer electrode layer, an active area layer located between said inner electrode and said outer electrode, and a reflective layer on top of said outer electrode; and

positioning the light source coaxially with respect to the axis of said optical fiber, wherein said inner electrode comprises a transparent material to permit light generated in said active area to propagate outside said light source and into said optical fiber, wherein at least one of the layers has imperfections.

29. (New) The method according to Claim 28, further comprising surrounding said cladding layer with a jacket layer.

30. (New) The method according to Claim 28, wherein said light-source is flexible.

31. (New) The method according to Claim 28, wherein said light-source comprises a mono- or multi-layer organic light-emitting diode (OLED).

32. (New) The method according to Claim 28, further comprising positioning at least one mirror on each side of an optically pumped region of the optical fiber, wherein one mirror is substantially opaque and the another mirror is at least partially transparent.

33. (New) The method according to Claim 28, further comprising generating optical signals from the light source.

34. (New) The method according to Claim 28, further comprising generating substantially constant optical signals from the light source.

35. (New) The method according to Claim 28, further comprising performing at least one of amplification and repeating of optical signals.

36. (New) The method according to Claim 28, further comprising generating a laser light signal through the optical fiber.

37. (New) An optical device comprising a plurality of layers, the optical device comprising:

an optical fiber having a substantially axial symmetry, the optical fiber comprising a transparent envelope surrounding a core doped with phosphorescent or fluorescent material, said transparent envelope comprising a cladding layer; and

a light source comprising an inner electrode layer, a transparent outer electrode layer, an active area layer located between said inner electrode and said outer electrode, and a reflective layer on top of said outer electrode, wherein said light source and said optical fiber are integrated, and wherein said light source has an axial symmetry and is

positioned coaxially with respect to the axis of said optical fiber, and wherein said inner electrode comprises a transparent material to permit light generated in said active area to propagate outside said light source and into said optical fiber,

wherein at least one of the layers has imperfections.

38. (New) The device according to Claim 37, wherein the envelope further comprises a jacket layer surrounding said cladding layer

39. (New) The device according to Claim 37, wherein said light-source is flexible.

40. (New) The device according to Claim 37, wherein said light-source comprises a mono- or multi-layer organic light-emitting diode (OLED).

41. (New) The device according to Claim 37, further comprising at least one mirror on each side of an optically pumped region of the optical fiber, wherein one mirror is substantially opaque and the another mirror is at least partially transparent.

42. (New) The device according to Claim 37, wherein the efficiency of absorption of light in said core, said light produced by said light source, is a function of P_e/P_c .

43. (New) The device according to claim 37, wherein the efficiency is controlled by choosing a desirable ratio of P_e/P_c .

44. (New) The device according to Claim 37, wherein the device is configured to generate optical signals.

45. (New) The device according to Claim 44, wherein said optical signal is substantially constant.

46. (New) The device according to Claim 37, wherein the device is configured to amplify or repeat optical signals.

47. (New) The device according to Claim 41, wherein said device is configured as a laser generator.

48. (New) The device according to Claim 37, wherein said device is configured for introspection.

49. (New) The device according to Claim 37, wherein said device is configured for endoscopy.

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50. (New) The device according to Claim 37, wherein said imperfections are created by roughening said layer.

51. (New) The method according to Claim 16, further comprising roughening at least one of the layers to obtain said imperfections.

52. (New) The method according to Claim 28, further comprising roughening at least one of the layers to obtain said imperfections.